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Dear Mr. Threatt:

This letter is in response to your request for records under the California Public Records Act dated July 11, 2013, and received by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Discovery Unit on July 15, 2013.

In your request you are seeking the following:

- A database of automated license plate recognition records scans captured by the LA Sheriff's Department in L.A. County between January 1st, 2013 and March 31st, 2013.

Response: The California Public Records Act (the Act) recognizes that the public's right to access government records must at times be weighed against other public policies and individual rights. In consideration of the following rights and laws, the Sheriff's Department asserts that ALPR data is exempt from disclosure:

- ✓ Government Code Section 6254(k) and Evidence Code Section 1040. The Act expressly exempts from disclosure privileged information and the Sheriff's Department asserts that ALPR data is privileged Official Information pursuant to Evidence Code Section 1040(b)(2), which provides that a public entity has a privilege to refuse to disclose information where such disclosure would be "against the public interest because there is a necessity for preserving the confidentiality of the information that outweighs the necessity for disclosure in the interest of justice..."
- ✓ Government Code Section 6254(f). To the extent that ALPR data is contained in investigative reports or is considered intelligence information, the Department asserts such information is exempt from disclosure pursuant to Government Code Section 6254(f).

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If you have any questions, please contact Pam Vanover of the Discovery Unit at (323) 890-5439.

Sincerely,

LEROY D. BACA, SHERIFF

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Judy A. Gerhardt". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

Judy A. Gerhardt, Captain
Risk Management Bureau